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PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

STRASSER

APPLICATION No.: 10/018,897

FILED: December 15, 2001

FOR: SHOE WEAR INDICATOR

EXAMINER: MARIE D. PATTESON

ART UNIT: 3728

CONFIRMATION No.: 6101

**Request for Continued Examination (RCE) Transmittal**

Subsection (b) of 35 U.S.C. §132, effective on May 29, 2000, provides for continued examination of an utility or plant application, filed on or after June 8, 1995.

See The American Inventors Protection Act of 1999 (AIPA).

Commissioner for Patents  
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Sir:

This is a Request for Continued Examination (RCE) under 37 C.F.R. §1.114 of the above-identified application.

**Note:** 37 C.F.R. §1.114 is effective on May 29, 2000. If the above-identified application was filed prior to May 29, 2000, applicant may wish to consider filing a continued prosecution application (CPA) under 37 C.F.R. §1.53(d) (PTO/SB/29) instead of a RCE to be eligible for the patent term adjustment provisions of the AIPA. See changes to Application Examination and Provisional Application Practice, Interim Rule, 65 Fed. Reg. 14865 (Mar. 20, 2000), 1233 Off. Gaz. Pat. Office 47 (Apr. 11, 2000), which established RCE practice.

1. Submission required under 37 C.F.R. §1.114

- a.  Previously submitted
- Consider the amendment(s)/reply under 37 C.F.R. §1.116 previously filed  
(Any unentered amendment(s) referred to above will be entered.)
- Consider the arguments in the Appeal Brief or Reply Brief previously filed on
- Other

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b.  Enclosed  
 Amendment and Response  
 Power of Attorney by Inventor and Revocation of Prior Powers  
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2. **Fees** *The RCE fee under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) is required by 37 C.F.R. §1.114 when RCE is filed.*

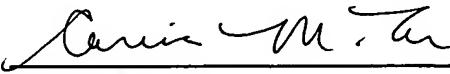
a.  Please charge the amount of \$ \_\_\_\_\_ for the RCE, three month extension of time, one extra independent claim, and Terminal Disclosure fees, as well as any underpayment in fees for timely filing of this transmittal and enclosures to Deposit Account No.  
50-2207.

b.  A check in the amount of \$674.00 is enclosed to cover the following fees.  
 RCE fee required under 37 C.F.R. §1.17(e) 740/370 (Small entity)  
 Extension of time fee (37 C.F.R. §1.136 and §1.17) – 2 months  
 4 extra claims, one extra independent claim

c.  The Director is hereby authorized to charge any underpayment in fees (or credit any overpayments) to Deposit Account No. 50-2207.

Respectfully submitted,  
Perkins Coie LLP

Date: September 29, 2004

  
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